

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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Thoughts from your District Governor

IT'S THE TIME OF GIVING

It's hard to believe that we are already almost half way through our year! I can tell you that the saying "Time flies when you are having fun" rings true when you are the District Governor of Lions District 2-S2, the **Greatest District in all the Lions world!** Even though Marla and I are exhausted, we are proud that we have been able To Serve the Lions of 2-S2 and we are looking forward to the rest of the Lions year.

We have visited almost three quarters of the clubs already and will have enjoyed the company of all but three or four by the end of December. We hosted two Club Retreats at our home back in September and October, we have been on tree planting projects, we have been to several exciting fundraisers, installed a bunch of new members and officers.....WHEW! It is good to be busy! We want to thank all of the clubs that have invited us and treated us like part of your family and are looking forward to meeting the rest of our extended family soon. In the spring we are looking forward to helping with fundraisers and service projects.

Do you know that we have TWO new clubs in our district already? The Houston Vietnamese Lions Club hosted what had to be the biggest and loudest Charter Night I have ever been to! And the Prairie View A&M Lions Club charter application was approved at the end of October! WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY! Thank you to all of the Lions who worked so hard to bring these new clubs to our Family. I have high hopes for several more extended family members during the second half of our Lions year.

Did you know that LCI sent a film crew into our district at the beginning of November? I guess they heard about all of the great things we do here in 2S2! They went around our district filming Lions at work serving others and having fun together as a family. They watched as we planted trees in La Porte, they checked out Crosby's Facebook page, they came to a great health fair hosted by Royal Oaks and attended by Lions from all around our district, they were at the Charter Night Celebration, they even witnessed a ramp building project and a home restoration project. I can tell you this.....THEY WERE IMMENSELY IMPRESSED WITH THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2!!!

It is almost Christmas already, a time of giving and a time of fellowship and family gatherings. As Lions, we practice the spirit of our holidays throughout the year as we continue to give and serve our fellow man. We give the gift of service and we get the gift of that wonderful feeling in our Lions' hearts that we seem to crave so much. As I present to the clubs I visit, I always point out that Community Service will bring your family together. When you are serving your community, you are not only bringing service to those in need, you are also serving your own heart and your own club. As you perform Community Service, you will find that your club, your family, will grow larger and stronger than you could ever imagine.

The Lions of District 2-S2 just keep on giving!

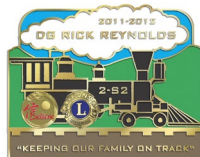
Thank you and Merry Christmas from Marla and Me!!



Merry Christmas



**Rick Reynolds,
District Governor 2011-2012**



CALENDER OF EVENTS

December 7	PSC Meeting
December 5	Lighthouse Shopping Trip
January 4	PSC Meeting
January 21	Mid-Winter Leadership Conference
February 1	PSC Meeting
March 3-4	Texas Leadership Forum
March 7	Cabinet Meeting (No PSC Meeting)
April 4	PSC Meeting
April 20-21	District Convention
May 2	PSC Meeting

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PAW PRINTS of 2-S2

Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

Howdy folks... well it's bragging time for me about our district. Years ago as I attended my Lions Club, the only thing I knew about was the activities of my club. As years passed and Winnie Mae and I began to attend the functions of our district, we started to learn about what the other clubs were doing. I can't begin to name everything, so I'll just mention a few of the things that have happened in the last few months. (I'm sure I don't know all the things, but here are just a few).

Our District's response for the victims of the wildfires.

Our Downtown response to several Humanitarian Relief Fund request.

Our District's response to the international president's request to plant one million trees worldwide.

Our District's response to request for gratis corneas for blind patients.

Our new University Club's building a wheel chair ramp for a church.

Our District's response by sending children to our Texas Lions Camp.

Special congratulations to Joy Nisnisan being appointed to International Leo Panel

Our Downtown club's presentation of sportsmanship awards to area schools.

Our Crosby's club leading our district using the Facebook media to keep everyone informed.

Our Humble's club for the bike ride fund raiser to support the Texas Lions Camp.

All our clubs in the District for responding to eye glass needs for school children

Our Royal Oaks health fairs and the fun and sparks they give to our district.

Our Crosby's club for the rebuilding Houston project.

Our Barbers Hill's gifts to their community's park.

Our District's largest club's eye glass project.

Our Downtown club's special thanks to veterans.

Our family club's signature project building wheel chair ramps.

The Charter Night for the new Vietnamese Club.

A very successful Bob Dowden Dinner

Thanks to all clubs who have responded to the call for Governor's visits

Now, I do know that there are literally hundreds of other community service projects by our District's clubs, but #1. I don't know them all, #2. If I do know, I don't remember and #3. uh... and #3. good grief what was #3?



First Vice District Governor Paul Eads

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

2-S2'S NEW ROAR

“WE CAN DO IT”

MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP

I have had the honor of going with the Governor on many of his Club visits. We have seen clubs with 3 members to 30 members and all in between. The Governor still goes through the entire presentation with all the emotion, enthusiasm and motivation. I am always impressed.

But lets take a look for a moment; what can be done to get NEW members? The club that had 3 members attend, what if they brought in 1 new member each, then the 3 new members bring in 3 new members, etc., etc., etc. The 3 members only had to bring in “1” new member for the year, the next 3 only “1” member per year and so on and so on. Is there anyone that can not bring in “1” new member a year???

Most presidents set their goals to include increasing membership, but Fellow Lions, the District is losing membership. Why?? BORING MEETINGS – NO COMMUNITY SERVICE – BICKERING AMONG MEMBERS – Yes, I said members not getting along too well! You hear too much of, “I did this”, not “We did this”, or how about “This is the way we have always done it”.

It sounds like I’m preaching but I’m not. Fellow Lions, we all know what it takes, we just have to “DO IT”. If help is needed, tell someone, that’s what “Families” are for. After all, why did we become a Lion?



“WE CAN DO IT”



Second Vice District Governor Eddie Risha



Join your fellow Lions from across the nation and call your U.S. Senator(s) asking them co-sponsor the [Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act!](#)

This bill would authorize the US Treasury to mint 400,000 silver coins in honor of Lions 100th anniversary in 2017 and raise \$8 million to aid the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster. To pass this legislation we need 290 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 67 in the Senate. To date and thanks to your efforts, we currently have 103 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 17 in the Senate.

This week Lions Clubs International is focusing on securing the additional 50 co-sponsors in the Senate and we need your help.

Call your Senator(s) now!

Thank you,
Government and Partnership Relations Department
Lions Clubs International
governmentrelations@lionsclubs.org



PSC Meeting

Presidents and Secretaries Council Meeting
DECEMBER 7, 2011,
 Come early to eat, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
 Located at 15000 I-45 North
 On the northbound feeder road.

Please bring toys for the Caney Creek Leos Club,
 Grangerland Christmas Store



Lighthouse Cilent Shopping Trip

December 5, 2011 10:30am

Luby's Deerbrook Mall

Lions, Leos, Family, Friends

All welcome to help.



Texas Lions Camp - Summer Camp Schedule - 2012

Session	Date	Type
1	June 3-9	Children with Physical Disabilities
2	June 10-16	Children with Physical Disabilities
3	June 17-23	Children with Physical Disabilities
4	June 24-30	Children with Physical Disabilities
5	July 1-7	Children with Physical Disabilities
Camp Discovery	July 8-14	(Leased) American Cancer Society
Camp David/Down Syndrome	July 15-21	Children with Burns (leased)/Down Syndrome
Diabetic 1	July 22-28	Children with Type 1 Diabetes
Diabetic 2	July 29 - Aug 4	Children with Type 1 Diabetes

Texas Lions Camp - Work-Day Schedule - 2012

1	Saturday, March 3, 2012
2	Saturday, March 31, 2012
3	Saturday, May 5, 2012



Note: All youth groups must be approved prior to registration.



Caney Creek Leo Club

(sponsored by Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club)

Request your assistance in helping them provide Christmas for children who would otherwise not have Christmas. The Leos are collecting toys (unwrapped) to use in their Grangerland Christmas Store. The Leos have provided this community service for several years and helped many children have a Merry Christmas.

We need gifts for all ages, and ask that you please bring them to the PSC meeting on Dec. 7th. Wrapping paper and gift bags are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Thatcher (ett2@msn.com) or Pat Hymel (936-445-3181). Caney Creek High School Leos and all the children that will have Christmas because of you, wish to thank everyone and wish all a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Solutions to the problems?



While the spread of most diseases have been controlled through vaccination and other public health efforts, in today's society there, exist one that is contagious in nature and presently reached an epidemic proportion. Numerous attempts have been made to control the spread of this disease however up to this date research has not yet found the cure and it continues to proliferate at an unprecedented rate. The disease in question is known as the "ignorant, profligate consumer syndrome." One characteristic of this disease is the use of bottle water which contributes in sending our environment into pollution overdrive.

Here is a list of facts that put the magnitude of this pollution problem into scope.

- Plastic bottles take 700 years to begin composting
- 90% of the cost of bottled water is due to the bottle itself
- 80% of plastic bottles are not recycled
- 38 million plastic bottles go to the dump per year in America from bottled water (not including soda)
- 24 million gallons of oil are needed to produce a billion plastic bottles
- The average American consumes 167 bottles of water a year
- Bottling and shipping water is the least energy efficient method ever used to supply water
- Bottled water is the second most popular beverage in the United States
- 40 % of bottled water is regular tap water

How can we solve this dilemma?

Kindly forward your comments, criticisms, and possible solutions about the above mention article, to bun874@gmail.com so that it maybe publish in our next news letter. You may also attach your name to your response.

Thank you.

Stedman Douglas

Enviromental Chairperson



Dear Presidents & Boards:

As Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Understanding, I appeal to all presidents and the members of the boards of directors of Lions clubs in Lion District 2-S2 for cooperation in agreeing to twin with other Lions Clubs around world.

Aside from the Philippines where we have two or three tie-ups, we do not exercise our abilities to relate to individual clubs or shrinking the world for the 1.3 million Lions to relate and understand one another to foster camaraderie and exchange ideas to improve our desire to help others.

Having more than a million members, we are the largest brotherhood and sisterhood organization and we can impact the world in significant actions.

Take the case of just planting trees, a million or more trees planted can contribute to the greening of the environment and help alleviate the suffocation of the atmosphere.

We can even narrow the protein gap in most countries, especially those devoid of cattle and dairy industries by planting plant protein rich trees(e.g. moringa, which has leaves and fruits used for dietary supplement for protein).

Our dedication to preventing blindness is outstanding but still millions of fellow human beings need some help and more understanding the causes can help.

Knock on wood, may we have no more calamities, like forest fires, earthquakes and hurricanes but a twin Lions club can facilitate relief or avoiding further woes in some cases because of faster action due to easy communication and understanding. Maybe, exchanges of delegates can narrow the enthusiasm gap in Lionism.

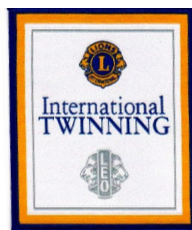
I am enlisting the help of the Houston International Protocol Alliance or the help of some 53 consulates in Houston to locate twin Lions Clubs in South America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

But like in marriage matchmaking, the saying "it takes two to tango" apply. Those interested, please communicate with me at the above email address or at 9206 Clay Rd., Houston, TX77080 or call me at 713-895-8741 or 713-240-0750(c). We can sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

Let us roar for international relation and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Ongoco
Charter President
Houston Millennium Lions Club



TEAM MACK

**Raised \$4,095 to help find a cure.
A BIG thank you everyone that helped us!!!
We all voted next years team will be named
"The Mack Attack" attacking blood cancer
for a cure.**

Congratulations Lion Wayne Mack

DISTRICT 2-S2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 21, 2012

Embassy Suites Houston - Energy Corridor Hotel

11730 Katy Freeway, Houston



Mid-Winter Conference Registration
(Click to go to webpage)

Register On-line

Pay \$ 20 by 12/1/11

Pay \$ 25 by 1/1/12

Pay \$ 30 by 1/20/12

Pay \$ 35 at the door on 1/21/12

Lion Arlita Pang

Lions District 2-S2

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Topics to be covered at the MidWinter Lions Leadership Conference include the following:

Starting a Leos Club

Special Opportunities for the Campus Club

Effective Orientation Program

Lions Mentoring Program

Introduction to Service as a Guiding Lion

Managing Club Meetings - Keeping Focus

Developing Personal Leadership Skills

Parliamentary Procedures

Club Financial Management

Long-Range Planning

Multi-Media Development

Lions Mission, Vision & Values

Service as Elected Lions Representative

Building a Signature Project

Developing the Leaders in Your Club

Team Building with Good Communication

Core Skills Building: Delegation, Dispute Management, Team Building

Tools to Promote and Support Membership Growth

TLERC "By the Numbers"

If you read the "In the Spotlight" Lions News Briefs this month in the "Lion" magazine, you would see some numbers like these in the "By the Numbers" section: **775** (volunteer hours worked on a project by one club), **10,000** (pounds of vegetables sent to Joplin, Mo after the tornado), **13** (pigs cooked to raise money for the needy), and **7,536** (hats, mittens, scarves & mittens collected for the poor).

Well, TLERC also has some pretty important numbers this month: **14** (the age in months of a Down Syndrome child, who needed glasses), **48** (the pupular distance that the tiny frames will have to accommodate), **+4** (the prescription in diopters needed in both eyes), **43** (the child's head measurement in centimeters), **5,761** (the distance in miles that one small pair of glasses traveled from TLERC in Midland, Texas to Bratislava, Slovakia).

Everyone has heard how something was accomplished, because somebody "knew a guy, who knew someone, who had a friend", etc. Well luckily that "someone" at the end this time was Lion Marie Bryan, TLERC's San Angelo Satellite Manager. It didn't take long for Lion Marie to get the wheels in motion. Soon a tiny pair of glasses was made at TLERC's lab and then sent on its way to 14 month old Maximilian Franz Zwirn in Slovakia.

Slovakia has an optometry industry, but as a struggling nation trying to rebuild after years of conflict, its inventory is limited. The young boy's mother could not find frames with a strap that were small enough for an active toddler.

It is amazing that TLERC's Children's Eyeglass Program with its state of the art lab is becoming known around the world, yet we have Club's in MD2 that do not know we can put new glasses on needy children. This leads me to some more numbers: **14** (the number in dollars it takes to make a new pair of glasses for a child - actually \$14-\$18/pair), **1,000** (the number of new glasses TLERC cut last year for children).

However, if we are going to do everything "By the Numbers", **there is only one number that means anything: 1** (the number of **each individual** adult or child that you **serve**, when you recycle glasses, hold adult eye screenings, put new glasses on needy children, or contribute to TLERC's Focus Club, Visionary Knights of the Blind, or Fellowship giving programs).

Tom Blase
TLERC Promotions



PAWPRINTS of 2-S2

Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

All Ads and subscriptions need to be renewed at this time.

August - June, 2011-2012.

The District Newsletter Advertisements.

These Ad's are busines card size 3 1/4 inches by 1 3/4 inches,

They cost \$100 per ad panel for the year, or \$25 a month.

Double sized ads double the cost.

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Subscriptions

\$30 for the year.

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Which have been recently updated

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www.texaslions.org

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WE SERVE

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated

Campbell Soup Labels

Used eyeglasses collected

Hours given towards Lionism

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BE PRESENT LORD.
TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.**

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**"Honor the Texas flag;
I Pledge Allegiance to thee,
Texas, One State under God,
One and Indivisible."**

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



1939 - Celebrating 71 years of Community Service - 2010

Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club



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Next PSC Meeting
DECEMBER 7, 2011

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

Dinner 6:00 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

The President and Secretary Council
meeting is held at the
CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
located at 15000 I-45 North
On the northbound feeder road

The cost for the buffet is \$13.00 per person,
including tax and gratuity.

The food is buffet-style, of Chinese,
American and Mexican food.

There are desserts galore
and more than one Ice Cream Machine.



We Serve

2011-2012 OFFICERS

Richard "Rick" Reynolds
District Governor

Paul Eads
First Vice District Governor

Eddie Risha
Second Vice District Governor

Eva Thatcher
Cabinet Secretary

Ronald Landers
Cabinet Treasurer

Terry S. Landers
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